with one of the finest homes in their adopted county. But it was her sad fortune to become the victim of disease, which marred the enjoyment of the fruits of their labors. Still she stood boldly at her post, cheerfully and resolutely battling with her destiny, while suffering from a complication of diseases, until her woodland home under her persevering hand had become to her an earthly paradise. Yearly as the vernal season returned her weary heart was delighted at the blooming of her garden, and the expanding and symmetrical growth of the shrubbery she had planted. But her physical debilities had become greatly aggravated from an attack of the epidemic influenza, which was so prevalent throughout the country. It was with tottering steps that she daily hied her to the garden, and when she returned to the quiet of her room her favorite Bible was her daily and constant companion until by repeated reading from Genesis to Revelations she left her pencil marks upon her favorite passages. It was when the early blossoms had begun to fade that the angel of death, in the form of heart disease, gently and calmly and sweetly wafted her spirit away to the realms of the great unknown. At ten minutes before one o'clock on the balmy and moonlight morning of the 4th of June, 1890, she calmly breathed away her spirit in the embraces of her husband and only son.

Coming to Michigan almost 54 years ago, she had seen the State grow up around her, and had shown by her example how efficient may be the labors of woman in the building of States. She leaves a bereaved husband, a son, Enos H. Goodrich, and a daughter, Mrs. Jeremiah Narrin, and a host of more remote kindred and sympathizing friends to mourn their irreparable loss.

Her funereal was held at the home of her daughter near Goodrich and on Friday, June 6, 1890, her remains were deposited among the graves of many near and dear friends who had gone before.

WASHTENAW COUNTY.

EZRA D. LAY.

Name.	Date of Death.	Age.	Residence.	Years in Mich.
Hiram Day	June 1, 1889	78	Old resident Ypsilanti	
Eli Benton	June 5, 1889	89	Lodi township	60
George Black	June 11, 1889		Dexter township	47
James J. Vandyne	July 1, 1889	84	Of county	57
James M. Kelsey	June 23, 1889	80	York township	

WASHTENAW COUNTY.—Continued.

Name.	Date of Death.	Age.	Residence.	Years in Mich.
Mrs. Almira L. Greene	July 6, 1889	67	Old resident Ypsilanti city	
Mrs. Mary G. Reese	July 22, 1889	85	Old resident Ann Arbor	
Mrs. Lucinda Bentley	July 12, 1889	77	Superior and Ypsilanti city	
Otis Hall	July 13, 1889	77	Old pioneer of county	
Thomas H. Mosher	July 16, 1889	74	Manchester	53
Newton A. Pruden	July 30, 1889	84	Old Pioneer Ann Arbor	
Mrs. Ann Carpenter	August 3, 1889	73	Old Pioneer Ypsilanti city	
William Turner	August 19, 1889	93	Dexter	60
Ira Cornwell	August 20, 1889	72	Ann Arbor	63
Mrs. Volinia Nichols	August 19, 1889	84	Ann Arbor township	
Mrs. William Double	August 29, 1889	64	County	25
Thomas Bonner	September 20, 1889	83	Lodi and Ann Arbor	35
Miss Betsey Raymond	September 15, 1889	87	Sharon	56
Patrick Martin	October 7, 1889	76	Old resident Ann Arbor	
Mrs. Alfred Hennequin	October 4, 1889	45	Old resident Ann Arbor	
Mrs. Mary Howlett	October 7, 1889	70	Lyndon	83
Samuel W. Dorr	October 15, 1889	67	Manchester	57
John Thompson	October 13, 1889	69	Ann Arbor	55
David Depue	October 17, 1889	82	Pittsfield	53
John Kanouse	October, 1889	93	Saline	59
Peter Carey	October 23, 1889	86	Ann Arbor	58
Mrs. Sheffield Newton	October 13, 1889		Old resident York	
Richard Hall	October 19, 1889	84	Manchester	55
Orville N. Conklin	October 31, 1889	77	Old resident Ypsilanti township	
Judge Chauncey Joslyn	October 31, 1889	76	Ypsilanti	52
John Geddes	November 4, 1889	89	Ann Arbor township	64
Miss Fanny Nichols	October 27, 1889	86	Ypsilanti city	57
Fayette Sanders	October 31, 1889	59	Ypsilanti city	46
Mrs. George Rosier	October 30, 1889	60	Old resident Dexter	
Joel Mansfield	November 7, 1889	84	Old resident Ypsilanti city	
Harvey C. Boyd	November 13, 1889	80	Sylvan	56
Thomas E. Keating	November 23, 1889	52	Ann Arbor	47
Dr. Henry S. Frieze	December 7, 1889	72	Ann Arbor	35
Mrs. Ann Page	November 28, 1889	76	Dexter	55
Averil Burnett	December 15, 1889	72	Dexter	50
William W. Wines	December 21, 1889	73	Ann Arbor	50
Mrs. Ashley Parks	December 14, 1889	79	Sharon	54
Mrs. Olive Phillips	December 27, 1889	74	Ypsilanti city	40
George Paul	December 28, 1889	70	Scio township	
Mrs. Minerva Flint	January 13, 1890	73	Old resident Ann Arbor	
Mrs. Eliza Vought	January 9, 1890	78	Superior township	40

WASHTENAW COUNTY.—CONTINUED.

Name.	Date of Death.	Age.	Residence.	Years in Mich.
Mrs. S. A. Bolles	January 11, 1890	75	Chelsea	50
Michael Kappler	January 22, 1890	80	Sharon township	------
John Bessley	January 28, 1890	78	Ann Arbor	40
Mary M. Murray	January 23, 1890	55	Superior	------
Mrs. E. J. Dewey	January 22, 1890	55	York township	55
William S. Henderson	January 28, 1890	84	Ypsilanti city	25
Mrs. Ira Stanbro	January 31, 1890	53	Born in Salem	------
Ira Stanbro	February 15, 1890	58	Old resident Salem	------
Mrs. Rebecca Havens	February 4, 1890	83	Old resident Saline	------
Malcom McDougal	January 30, 1890	76	Bridgewater	55
Philander Stevens	February 13, 1890	65	Ypsilanti city	------
Mrs. Sally Turner	January 30, 1890	------	Dexter	55
Lucian B. Keif	February 16, 1890	79	Ypsilanti city and county	50
James Fair	February 15, 1890	81	Ann Arbor	53
Jesse Lane	February 7, 1890	71	Old resident Dexter	------
Mrs. Mary N. Conklin	February 18, 1890	81	Old resident Chelsea	------
Mrs. John Bell	February 19, 1890	61	Dexter	41
Mrs. Mary McCarthy	February 14, 1890	90	Scio	32
Mrs. Margaret Worster	February 6, 1890	88	Northfield	59
Mrs. Margaret Gardiner	February 16, 1890	94	Old resident Augusta	------
Josiah F. Sanders	February 22, 1890	50	Ypsilanti city	33
Mrs. Fanny J. Watling	February 19, 1890	65	Ypsilanti township	58
Levi Deake	February 14, 1890	78	Old resident Salem	------
Mrs. Ann Gallagher	March 3, 1890	74	Ann Arbor	40
Frederic Durheim	March 4, 1890	74	Old resident Ann Arbor	------
Lorenzo Sawyer	March 4, 1890	73	Old resident Sylvan	------
Mrs. Mary Ann Marriatt	February 28, 1890	81	Pittsfield	50
William Pester	March 8, 1890	68	Old resident Ypsilanti township	------
Mrs. Henry Todd	March 15, 1890	79	Webster	53
Stephen J. Chase	March 30, 1890	85	Sylvan	58
Alfred C. Anderson	March 26, 1890	87	Old resident Pittsfield	------
Philo Parsons	April 8, 1890	83	Pittsfield and Ypsilanti township	65
James C. Horrington	April 8, 1890	87	Sylvan	60
Egbert Peck	April 14, 1890	------	Ypsilanti	65
Ezra D. Lay	April 28, 1890	82	Ypsilanti	56

This report closes with the death of the compiler, Ezra D. Lay, the Vice President for this county. His work is done. Other hands must carry the burden. He who for so many years took so much pains

to record the passing away of the pioneers of Washtenaw county, rests from his labors, and has gone to join the many old pioneer friends in the land of the blessed.

EZRA D. LAY.

Ezra D. Lay died at his home on Ypsilanti Plains, April 28, 1890, aged 82 years, 4 months, 22 days.

Mr. Lay was born in the town of Saybrook, Connecticut, Dec. 6, 1807, and removed with his parents in May, 1812, to the state of New York, where they settled four miles northwest of Rochester, in the then county of Genesee and now Monroe county, New York. Here he spent the time until twenty-one years of age.

The next two summers he was engaged in boating on the Erie canal, and not liking that business in life which implied the being out of employment a part of the year, unless willing to chop cord wood at twenty-five cents a cord, he built a cooper shop and commenced making flour barrels for the Rochester mills. After working at the cooper's trade three years and having heard flattering accounts of Ohio and Michigan as the land of promise, he left his home in the month of May, 1832, taking a canal boat to Buffalo where he found the steamboat, William Penn, about to leave. He went on board, and after 36 hours of time landed in Cleveland, a very small village at that time, stayed all night there and the next morning started on foot for Medina, some 25 miles south of Cleveland. There he found some old acquaintances with whom he stopped a day or two, and then started on foot in a westerly course for Huron, Ohio, some 60 miles distant, arriving there the second evening. At Huron he took the Henry Clay, under Captain Norton, for Detroit. The next morning in passing up the Detroit river, he was delighted with the scenery and with the wind-mills scattered along the banks.

Arriving at Detroit on a pleasant morning, he found a small town settled mostly with French, with a few enterprising Americans, and after stopping a few hours, started on foot for Ann Arbor by the Chicago road, crossing the plains east of Ypsilanti with little thought that he should spend a life-time in that locality, for he had at that time a poor opinion of that kind of land.

Ypsilanti was at that time a small village situated on the Huron river with a fine water-power partly improved. Leaving Ypsilanti he traveled on foot taking the Indian trail for Ann Arbor, passing through Geddesburg where he was furnished a bowl of bread and milk by Robert Geddes. There he first saw the venerable John Geddes,

then living with his brother Robert. In coming to Ann Arbor he found a small village beautifully situated for a county seat. After spending a night there he started for the township of Salem where he stayed over night with old acquaintances.

The next morning he started for Pontiac by way of Northville and Walled lake, stopping over night with a farmer living near Orchard lake and arriving at Pontiac for breakfast. After visiting old friends at this point he returned to Detroit, taking the first boat for Buffalo. At this time he had not determined to return to Michigan to live, but the following year saw his return. He purchased the farm on which he died, for the purpose of growing a nursery. For 25 years he carried on this business, and then gave it up for general farming. Touching the nursery business we give the following extract from a letter written by Mr Lay to Mr. J. C. Holmes of Detroit in 1873 in answer to inquiries from that gentleman:

"SIR—At your request I send you an account of the nursery started and carried on in the town of Ypsilanti, on the plains east of the now city of Ypsilanti.

"In the spring of 1833 I came to Michigan, then a territory to select a place for establishing a nursery, and selected the above location. In the fall of 1833 my brother Z. K. Lay and myself came to Ypsilanti and brought with us about twenty-five thousand cultivated trees, mostly of one season's growth, from the nursery of Asa Rowe, near Rochester, New York. They consisted of one hundred and thirty varieties of apples seventy-five varieties of pears, forty of peaches, three of apricots, three of nectarines, twenty of cherries, twenty of plums, three of quinces, fifteen of strawberries, forty of grapes, native and foreign, together with currants, gooseberries, raspberries, etc., also a large assortment of ornamental shrubs, evergreens, roses, peonies, herbaceous, perennial flowering plants, etc.

"In the autumn of 1834 we erected a small greenhouse and filled it with plants. I think it was the first greenhouse built in Michigan. In the autumn of 1836 we erected a larger greenhouse and filled it with a choice collection of tropical plants. I do not know that there was any nursery of fruit trees in Michigan at the time we started ours on the plains, near Ypsilanti."

Mr. Lay was supervisor of his township for 8 years, retiring in 1869 against the wishes of his townsmen, from a desire to be relieved of public duties. In 1874 he was elected a representative to the State Legislsture. In 1874–5 he was president of the Eastern Michigan Agricultural Society, having been previously a member of the executive

committee and always taking an active interest in the affairs of the society.

For many years, he was identified with the pioneer societies of the State and county. He was president of the Washtenaw county society in 1880, and necrologist for many years, was for a long time vice president of the State society and necrologist for his county for that society also, up to the time of his death. The tedium of confinement to the house during the last winter of his life was relieved by compiling a sketch of the early history of the several towns in this county for the State society, which he was permitted to see completed.

He was married Dec., 4 1834, by Rev. I. M. Weed, to Miss Melinda Kinne, daughter of Rev. J. Kinne, a Baptist clergyman of Monroe county, N. Y.

Three children were born to them, namely: E. D. jr., who died twenty-one years ago, Susan M. wife of Dr. Wm. Pattison of Ypsilanti and Wm. H. whose home has always been with his parents on the farm where he has cared for them in their declining years.

In his church relations, Mr. Lay was a Presbyterian, with which church he united in 1844, became an elder in the same in 1866, and held the office at his decease.

In politics, originally an anti-slavery whig, but with the fusion of the party with the free-soil element, he became an uncompromising republican and remained loyal to its policy to the end. His first presidential vote was cast for John Q. Adams, and his last for Benjamin Harrison. In common with all whigs he was a great admirer of Henry Clay. The greatness and honesty of Abraham Lincoln often elicited from him words of highest praise. Through all the dark days of the rebellion, Lincoln received his enthusiastic and unflinching support, and his faith in the ultimate triumph of the Union cause never wavered. In public life his judgment seldom erred; in private and social relations, he was the trusted friend of those in trouble, and his counsel and friendly offices were often sought and highly valued.

He was a man of clear perceptions of duty and right and under his quiet exterior, there were lodged the inteligence and energy which made him correct in thought and conclusion, and effective in execution.

His integrity of character, his honesty of purpose and his discriminating judgment made him, for 56 years, a potent factor in society and indentified him with the material, civil and religious growth of the community in which he lived. This community will miss his quiet, welcome presence, but the memory of his upright, christian life will be

as the benediction of one greatly beloved and affectionately crowned with honor.

The funeral services were held at his home on the plains where a large concourse of friends and neighbors paid to him their last tribute of respect. Rev. H. M. Morey, his pastor, spoke the words of comfort to the sorrowing friends, Rev. J. L. Cheney of the Baptist church assisting in the exercises. Dr. Huston of this city spoke appropriately of his official life as representative of his district in the Legislature, while the music was led by Mr. George Alban, Mr. Byron Edwards, Miss Jennie Hendricks and Miss Julia Stebbins.

The following lines in memory of his old and valued friend, are contributed by Mr. Wm. Lambie as appropriate to close this sketch:

Another pioneer has gone
From his friends and his rural home,
A Christian of honest worth,
One of our purest friends on earth,
Left this beautiful world of ours
In vernal bloom and opening flowers.

He plows his fertile fields no more,
He's safe upon the sinless shore,
We think of weclome words "well done,"
Where pain and sorrow never come,
We meet no more on Sabbath morn,
As in the fifty years that's gone.

He came to worship so divinely,
Never said a word unkindly,
Living in peace and free from strife,
Preaching righteousness by his life,
He reads the long sad list no more
Of pioneers that's gone before.

The pioneers where he has gone
Never grow old nor leave their home;
A kind farewell, we're all your debtor,
You helped to make the world the better;
Some friends will not have long to wait
To meet you at the golden gate.

GEORGE SUTTON.

Sunday afternoon, May 18, 1890, at four o'clock, Hon. George Sutton died at his home in Northfield township, after having passed full four score years on earth, a length of years allotted to but few men. He had been suffering for several weeks and his death was not unexpected. It is safe to say that there are but few men living who will be missed